

Night 10

Highlights from Surah Yunus

The subject matter in this Surah addresses **four major diseases** among the Kuffar of Makkah.

1. **Oneness of God:** They believed in many gods responsible for various affairs in the world. Allah^{SWT} informed them: The deities you worship cannot help you or hurt you. They will not intercede for you. In fact on the Day of Judgment they will testify: "'It was not us that you used to worship, so sufficient is Allâh for a witness between us and you, that We indeed knew nothing of your worship of us."
2. **The Prophet:** They were confused that why a man would bring the message of God, and accuse the Prophet^{SAW} of sorcery. Allah^{SWT} tells them: Why is it so strange that a man has brought a message to you? In the past, We have sent a messenger to every Ummah, and you know it. Also, the message that the Prophet^{SAW} brings is the same as in the other revealed books..
3. **The Book:** They believed that this was a work of a man and not the word of God. Allaah^{SWT} informs them: There is no doubt that this is the Book from your Lord. It confirms the revelation that came before it (Toraat and Injeel). And it contains full explanation of the laws and orders that are decreed for mankind. And if you are in doubt, then get anyone to help you and produce even a Surah like it.
4. **Life after Death:** They did not believe that there would be life after death. Allaah^{SWT} informs them: Life is like rain water, which makes the earth come alive with vegetation and food for men and cattle. Man thinks that he has control over the gardens and farms, but Allaah^{SWT} can destroy them and recreate them. Same way, Allaah^{SWT} will one day cause you to die and raise you again for accountability.

Guidance for the Believers

Those who believe in Allah^{SWT} and fear Him, there is good news for them in this world and in the Hereafter. Allaah^{SWT} calls it a supreme success.

If Allaah^{SWT} inflicts hardship on you, no one can remove it. And if He intends to bestow a favor upon you, no one can stop it.

Do not declare unlawful that Allaah^{SWT} has made lawful.

The believers who are Auliya (friends) of Allaah and who immensely love Him, shall have no fear and neither shall they grieve in the Hereafter.

Highlights from Surah Hud

It is a Makki Surah named after Prophet Hud. Allaah Subhanah wa Ta'ala's warning to the mushrekeen in this Surah is more severe. The Prophet^{SAW} said: ***"Surah Hud and its sisters turned my hair gray (that is, made me old.)"*** (The sister Surahs are: Al-Waqiah, Al-Haaqqah, Al-Mursalaat, 'An-Naba'a and At-Takweer.)

These were hard times for the Prophet^{SAW} and the stern warnings in the Surah added greatly to his anxieties. He feared that Allah's wrath would befall the mushrekeen because of their persistent rejection of the message of Islam. The stories of the people of Prophets Nuh, Hud, Salih, Lut, Shu'aib and Musa are described to emphasize the those nations were destroyed because of their rejection of Allaah's messengers.

InshaAllaah tomorrow night we will continue with the remainder of the surah, from Ayah 25 to the rest.